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1st SCENE

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Joseph, son of Jacob, is hated by his brothers because of the Father's greater love of him than of themselves; they hold counsel to destroy him, but decide to throw him into a pit, and to dip his coat of many colours in the blood of a goat and take it to their Father, saying some wild beast has devoured him. Joseph begs for his life, but they cast him into the pit and are about to depart, when some Ismaelite merchants arrive with their caravans, so the brethren sell Joseph to them, as a slave, and then depart.



Joseph is sitting silently thinking of his fate while the merchants prepare their repast. A boat is seen approaching and all curiously await its arrival. It is Potiphar, Captain of Pharoah's army. He takes pity on Joseph and buys him from the merchants. Potiphar then departs with his new Slave.



SCENE 3.

Tempted by Potiphar's Wife





Potiphar's wife enraged because her advances are rejected by Joseph, calls the Guards, and has him cast into prison. The King's Wine Bearer who is a prisoner with Joseph approaches him and asks for an interpretation of a dream.

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"I dreamed, said he, that three vines sprang up from the earth which blossomed and turned to fruit. I plucked the grapes and squeezed their juice into Pharoah's cup. Rejoice, said Joseph, for the King will shortly restore you to favour. Another prisoner, the King's Baker, auxiously asks Joseph also for the interpretation of a dream he had dreamed. "I carried three baskets fi'ed with bread on my head, and the birds of the air came and picked the bread from the baskets". Joseph said, In three days you will be killed and the birds of the air will pick the flesh from your body. The Gaoler who comes to put the prisoners in their cells is commanded by Potiphar's wife to leave Joseph. She tries to embrace him but he thrusts her away; furious, she orders him to be again imprisoned.



Interpreting the Dreams



Pharoah stretched upon his couch sends away the wise men who are unable to interpret a dream he has had. He is told of the prisoner Joseph who interpreted the dreams of his servants aright, and orders that he be brought before him. "I dreamed, he said, that seven fat Kine fed upon the fertile ground, then came seven lean Kine, and swallowed up the five Kine."



The interpretation, said Joseph, is this. There will be seven years of

prosperity and abundance after which will come 7 years of famine.

Pharoah descends from his throne and tells Joseph he is to be the head over all Egypt, himself only excepted.

SCENE 5.

Joseph exalted



Joseph is now the head Minister of Egypt, the soldiers and courtiers prostrate themselves before him. He is seated upon the throne when his 10 brothers accompanied by Benjamin come and bow down before him.

Joseph recognises them but receives them coldly and speaking to Simeon asks. Who is the young man, "He is the youngest son of our Father, Jacob,

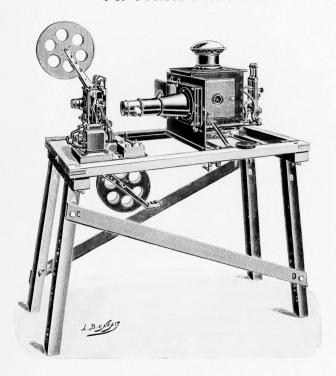
Joseph then makes them approach and sit at his side. To their astonishment he then reveals himself to them as their brother and embraces them.



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